

dedication to "completing the mission" will remain long after his retirement. The legacy that he leaves behind will inspire generations well into the future.

I am proud of Ed Mechenbier. I am proud of his accomplishments, but perhaps more importantly, I appreciate his unwavering sense of duty, honor, and country for it is those values that define the warrior spirit. I thank him for the many sacrifices he has made for our great Nation, and I join with all Ohioans and the members of this Chamber in wishing MG Ed Mechenbier a happy and successful retirement. May God bless him and his family as they enter this new phase in their lives.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:06 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4513. An act to provide that in preparing an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement required under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to any action authorizing a renewable energy project, no Federal agency is required to identify alternative project locations or actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4517. An act to provide incentives to increase refinery capacity in the United States.

At 6:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4503. An act to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4513. An act to provide that in preparing an environmental assessment or envi-

ronmental impact statement required under section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 with respect to any action authorizing a renewable energy project, no Federal agency is required to identify alternative project locations or actions other than the proposed action and the no action alternative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 4517. An act to provide incentives to increase refinery capacity in the United States; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7981. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Saab Model SAAB 2000 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2002-NM-259" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7982. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Model Hawker 800XP Airplanes; Doc. No. 2002-NM-277" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7983. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Gulfstream Aerospace LP Model 1125 Westwind Astra Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2001-NM-402" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7984. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC 8 101, 102, 103, 106, 201, 301, 311, and 315 Airplanes on Which Engine Oil Coolers Have Been Installed per LORI Inc. Sup Type Cert. SA8937SW; Doc. No. 2003-NM-222" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7985. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 747 400 and 400D Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2003-NO-93" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7986. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC 8 102, 103, 106, 201, 301, 311, and 315 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2004-NM-38" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7987. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dornier

Model 328-300 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2003-NM-121" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7988. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Boeing Model 727 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2002-NM-273" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7989. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Dornier Model 328-300 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2003-NM-138" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7990. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: General Electric Company CF6-80E1 Model Turbofan Engines; Doc. No. 2001-NE-45" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7991. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Bombardier Model DHC 7 100 Series Airplanes; Doc. No. 2003-NM-153" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7992. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Honeywell International Inc. TPE331-10 and -11 Turboprop Engines; Doc. No. 2003-NE-02" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7993. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Raytheon Aircraft Company Model 1900C Airplanes; Doc. No. 2003-CE-27" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7994. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives: Pratt and Whitney JT9D 3A, 7, 7A, 7AH, 7F, 7J, 20, and 20J Turbofan Engines" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7995. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Holdrege, NE; Doc. No. 04-ACE-25" (RIN2120-AA66) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-7996. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Modification of Class E Airspace; Minden, NE; Doc. No. 04-ACE-26" (RIN2120-AA64) received on June 15, 2004; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.